

CMS REPORT ON HEALTH CARE  
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(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, despite assurances the health care bill would actually lower costs for the American people, actually things are quite different. An independent CMS report released last week concluded America will spend \$311 billion more on health care under the new law than we would have without it. It increases taxes on the middle class. About 3 million people will have to pay the insurance mandate penalty tax. It also kills jobs through mandates on small businesses.

The American people have said this is not the direction in which they would choose to go. Health care reform should be patient-centered to increase access to care and reduce costs without bankrupting our Nation and limiting our liberties. We should, rather, allow individuals to band together across State lines to allow deductibility to everyone for the cost of premiums, and to crack down on junk lawsuits.

## WALL STREET REFORM

(Mr. MILLER of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Senator McCONNELL said yesterday about Wall Street reform that "as you look at the bill closer and closer, it is mostly about Main Street." Yes, Wall Street reform is about Main Street because Americans trying to make an honest living on Main Street are being bled dry by Wall Street.

The vulgar excesses of Wall Street, the bonuses, and the profits, and all the rest are at the expense of working and middle class American families. Ordinary Americans know that the fine print that big banks' lawyers wrote in their credit card contracts, and their mortgages, and their overdraft agreements were filled with traps to take their income, and their life savings, and who knows what worthless junk Wall Street unloaded on their pension funds.

Every issue I have worked on I've compromised, but there comes a time to pick a side. I pick the side of working and middle class Americans trying to make an honest living to support themselves and their families.

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## HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased health care reform passed the House of Representatives and the Congress on March 21 so 32 million more

Americans will have access to health insurance.

Americans are already realizing the benefits of this legislation. For instance, for the past few years, as chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, we have investigated the industry practice of rescission. Rescission occurs when the insurance company pores through your policy application to find any excuse to drop you from coverage when you become ill. So when you need the insurance the most, they look for an excuse to abandon you. This rescission practice used by insurance companies employ up to 1,400 different computer entries to kick out claims of people who may become seriously ill, to drop them when they are sick, and will cost the insurance companies some money.

As chair of Oversight and Investigations, I have written to the largest insurance companies to stop this practice of rescission now. Under the health care legislation we passed, it says rescission practice will stop in September, but I urge the insurance companies to stop this unconscionable practice now. In America health care is a right; it's not a privilege.

## WALL STREET REFORM

(Mr. WALZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, our Nation experienced the beginning of the worst financial crisis since the stock market crash of 1929, resulting in the longest, deepest financial downturn since the Great Depression.

While the factors that contributed to the crash were numerous and complicated, there's one simple underlying cause: Unchecked greed. Our history teaches us the best way to focus this greed into something constructive is to have rules to protect consumers and investors and to put cops on the beat to ensure those rules are enforced. But for decades, this country has pursued a policy of deregulation and lax enforcement, believing that "greed is good" and the "invisible hand of the market" would protect hardworking Americans.

Well, that invisible hand did something. It gave billions in bonuses to those who used other people's money like poker chips. When that game went bust, it slapped the American taxpayers to the tune of 8 million jobs and billions in bailouts. Now that this Congress is moving to restore fairness and accountability, there are those among us who would prefer to huddle with Wall Street and delay or dilute our efforts. The status quo is bailouts for too-big-to-fail banks.

I urge my colleagues, both here and in the Senate, to stand with the American people, pass reform, end bailouts.

## WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Today I join with people across the country to commemorate Workers' Memorial Day, honoring workers killed, injured, or harmed at work.

Unfortunately, workers in Nevada are all too aware of the dangers they face in the workplace. A number of deaths on the job in recent years led to Nevada's being the first State in the country to undergo an in-depth review that highlighted the problems facing the State's OSHA program. This review made it clear to me that Federal OSHA needs an additional option to work with States that are not meeting Federal standards. Currently, OSHA can only suggest improvements or completely take over the State's program.

That's why I introduced the Ensuring Worker Safety Act. This legislation aims to protect both workers and States' rights by giving Federal OSHA additional tools to make sure that State OSHA plans like Nevada's are at least as effective as Federal standards and enforcement.

The slogan of Workers' Memorial Day is "Remember the Dead and Fight for the Living." That's what I intend to do in Congress.

## PARTY OF "NO"

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I know our Republican friends don't like it when we call them the party of "no," but let's review the score for just a minute.

On health care reform, 177 noes, no yeses. On Wall Street reform, 175 noes, no yeses. On the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 177 noes, no yeses.

Let's look at the Senate. In two consecutive votes whether to bring Wall Street reform to the floor for a debate, 40 noes, no yeses.

They're not just the party of "no"; they're the party of no jobs for America, for no energy security, for no Wall Street reform, for no consumer protections against predatory practices, for no equal pay for women in the workplace, and the party of "no" for tax relief for middle class families.

If the Republicans don't want to be called the party of "no," they'd better learn to say "yes."

## WALL STREET REFORM

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, as the newest Member of Congress, I just spent 6 months talking to voters every day, and I can say with confidence that there are a lot of partisan issues out there. However, there was one issue that united people of all political persuasions. That was our urgent need to